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SUBJ: Wafa Wa Amal/BOARD APPROVAL OF HOSPITAL PLANS/POSSIBILITY OF
REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE.

1. DURING CONVERSATION, JAN.30, DR. SALAH EL DIN HOMMOSSANI,
UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INSURANCE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND MEMBER
OF BOARD, Wafa Wa Amal TOLD SCIATT THAT Wafa BOARD HAD RECENTLY
APPROVED PERKINS AND WILL DESIGN PLANS FOR 1012 BED HOSPITAL.
PERKINS AND WILL WERE SAID TO BE IN LINE FOR A FOLLOW UP CONTRRCT,
EXACT NATURE UNSPECIFIED.

2. ACCORDING TO HOMMOSSANI, DESIGN PLAN (WHICH CONTEMPLATED COST
OF \$70 MILLION ONE YEAR AGO) WAS ACCEPTED AFTER DISCUSSION WITH A
NUMBER OF BOARD SUGGESTED COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS APPENDED. HOPE IS
TO BREAK GROUND THIS YEAR. HOMMOSSANI DID NOT RESPOND DIRECTLY TO
QUERY ON AVAILABLE FUNDING, NOTING THAT OUTSIDE HELP WAS HOPED FOR.
HE SAID HIS OWN CONCERN WAS AVAILABILITY OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR
STAFFING. HE DID NOT THINK PEOPLE WOULD BE FOUND W/O ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION OF MINISTER OF HEALTH, WHO WHILE A
CONSULTANT IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY, IS NOT MEMBER OF BOARD.(AND
WHO IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH SCIATT HAS NOT INDICATED ANY
GREAT DESIRE TO BE FURTHER INVOLVED).

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3. SCIATT QUERIED 1,012 BED FULL SERVICE CONCEPT IF PATIENTS ARE
TO BE DRAWN ONLY FROM Wafa AND REFERRAL FROM MILITARY REHAB.
FACILITIES; E.G. PLANNED TRAUMATOLOGY UNIT MIGHT NOT BE FULLY USED
IF NON REHAB. TRAUMA CASES WERE EXCLUDED; ALSO TRANSPORTATION
COULD BE PROBLEM IN GETTING TRAUMA CASES NEEDING IMMEDIATE CARE
IN FROM OUTLYING FACILITIES. HOMMOSSANI ALSO SEEMED A LITTLE LESS

THAN HAPPY WITH CONCEPT OF HAVING EACH UNIT, E.G. ORTHOPEDICS IN HOSPITAL ENTIRELY INDEPENDANT IN OPERATIONALMGT. AND REEBRTING DIRECTLY TO Wafa BOARD FOR POLICY GUIDANCE.

4. HOMMOSSANI ALSO SAID HE WANTED TO EXPLORE, INFORMALLY, WITH FOR MER Wafa ADVISOR MR. JOSEPH TRAUB, HEW/RSA WHETHER OR NOT TRAUB OR SOMEONE ELSE COULD COME TO EGYPT FOR SHORT TERM TDY TO ASSIST IN Wafa PLANNING. DEPT. WILL RECALL FOUNDERING OF NEGOTIATIONS LAST YEAR BETWEEN Wafa AND MR. BARNEY STROHM, WHO WAS TO ASSIST WITH DEVELOPING A MGT. PLAN.

5. COMMENT

AMB AND EMB/USAID HAVE CONTINUOUSLY DISCOURAGED HOPES THAT MORE USG FUNDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR Wafa WA AMAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION; PARTICULARLY FOR HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION, NOTING POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE IN PL-480 RESEARCH AND PERHAPS EQP. AND TRAINING. WE HAVE ALSO URGED DEVELOPMENT OF A MGT. PLAN. HOWEVER, HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL. WE THINK IT QUITE POSSIBLE GIVEN MRS. SADAT'S GREAT PERSONAL INTEREST AND Wafa BOARD CHAIRMANSHIP, THAT SHE MAY RAISE SUBJECT OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE DURING US VISIT. EILTS

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